

Claims

What is Claimed:

1. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) sequences provided in SEQ ID NO:358-361;
  - (b) complements of the sequences provided in SEQ ID NO:358-361;
  - (c) sequences consisting of at least 20 contiguous residues of a sequence provided in SEQ ID NO:358-361;
  - (d) sequences that hybridize to a sequence provided in SEQ ID NO:358-361, under highly stringent conditions;
  - (e) sequences having at least 95% identity to a sequence of SEQ ID NO:358-361;
  - (f) sequences having at least 99% identity to a sequence of SEQ ID NO:358-361; and
  - (g) degenerate variants of a sequence provided in SEQ ID NO:358-361.
2. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) sequences encoded by a polynucleotide of claim 1;
  - (b) sequences having at least 95% identity to a sequence encoded by a polynucleotide of claim 1; and
  - (c) sequences having at least 99% identity to a sequence encoded by a polynucleotide of claim 1.
3. An isolated polypeptide comprising at least an immunogenic fragment of a polypeptide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) a polypeptide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:362-365,

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(b) a polypeptide sequence having at least 95% identity with a sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:362-365, and

(c) a polypeptide sequence having at least 99% identity with a sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:362-365.

4. An expression vector comprising a polynucleotide of claim 1 operably linked to an expression control sequence.

5. A host cell transformed or transfected with an expression vector according to claim 4.

6. An isolated antibody, or antigen-binding fragment thereof, that specifically binds to a polypeptide of any one of claims 2 or 3.

7. A method for detecting the presence of Chlamydia in a patient, comprising the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a biological sample from the patient;
- (b) contacting the biological sample with a binding agent that binds to a polypeptide of any one of claims 2 or 3;
- (c) detecting in the sample an amount of polypeptide that binds to the binding agent; and
- (d) comparing the amount of polypeptide to a predetermined cut-off value and therefrom determining the presence of Chlamydia in the patient.

8. A fusion protein comprising at least one polypeptide according to claim 2 or claim 3.

9. An oligonucleotide that hybridizes to a sequence recited in SEQ ID NO: 358-361 under highly stringent conditions.



14. A method for the treatment of Chlamydia infection in a patient, comprising administering to the patient a composition selected from the group consisting of:

15. A method for determining the presence of Chlamydia in a patient, comprising the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a biological sample from the patient;
- (b) contacting the biological sample with an oligonucleotide according to claim 9;

- (c) detecting in the sample an amount of a polynucleotide that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide; and

- (d) comparing the amount of polynucleotide that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide to a predetermined cut-off value, and therefore determining the presence of the cancer in the patient.

16. A diagnostic kit comprising at least one oligonucleotide according to claim 9.

17. A diagnostic kit comprising at least one antibody according to claim 6 and a detection reagent, wherein the detection reagent comprises a reporter group.

18. A method for the treatment of Chlamydia in a patient, comprising the steps of:

(a) incubating CD4+ and/or CD8+ T cells isolated from a patient with at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) a polypeptide according to any one of claims 2 or 3;
  - (ii) a polypeptide sequence of any one of SEQ ID NO: 431-454 and 560-581;
  - (iii) a polynucleotide according to claim 1;
  - (iv) a polynucleotide sequence of any one of SEQ ID NO: 407-430, 525-559 and 582-598;
  - (v) an antigen presenting cell that expresses a polypeptide sequence set forth in any one of claims 2 or 3;
  - (vi) an antigen presenting cell that expresses a polypeptide sequence of any one of SEQ ID NO: 431-454 and 560-581, such that the T cells proliferate; and
- (b) administering to the patient an effective amount of the proliferated T

cells.

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